



Town of Blades
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April 9th, 2012
Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall

Present: Mayor Michael J Smith, Vice-Mayor Russell Joseph, Councilman Robert Atkinson, Councilman BJ Hardin, Councilwoman Christena King, Councilman Earl Chaffinch, Sr., Town Administrator Vikki Prettyman

Meeting Opened at 7:00pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from March 12th, 2012, motion made to accept minutes in written form by Councilman Hardin; seconded by Councilman Chaffinch, motion accepted.

Police Report - submitted by Chief Cooke read by Commissioner Chaffinch.

BEDCO - submitted by Spuck Bennett; read by Councilman BJ Hardin.

P&Z – No meeting in April.

Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Code Report Submitted & Attached in the minutes.
 - Commissioner Hardin called up Mr. Class to speak about moving forward with development of the land on Route 13 in town limits.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Atkinson.
 - Well has been redeveloped and Office of Drinking Water will be out testing/sampling.
- Streets – No written report at this time. Commissioner Joseph stated that BEDCO donated concrete barriers to the town for separating the dirt/crush n run/sand. Delmarva Paving paver has been down and unable to get the paving project completed and will be hoping to get in town next week. S&E will be doing some storm drainage work in town with financial assistance from Representative Danny Short. Gathering prices for the pole buildings 30x40x12.
- Parks & Cemetery – Report Submitted.
- Police Report – Officer Ryan Wright's last day is April 21st, 2012, he is going to the State Police.
- Mayor's Report- No report submitted.



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New Business:

- Swearing in new councilmembers and incumbent:
 - John Reiss
 - David Ruff
 - Robert Atkinson
- Mayor made nomination for Russell Joseph for Vice-Mayor, motion by Councilman Chaffinch; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion passed.
- Commissioner Appointments by the Mayor, listing attached to these minutes.
- Appointment of Town Solicitor; Jim Yori of Fuqua, Yori, & Willard; motion to appoint by Councilman Joseph; seconded by Councilman Chaffinch; motion carried.
- Appointment of Tax Assessor; Larry Monihan; temporary only; motion by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion carried.
- Cemetery Lawn Care bids; received closed and opened at meeting; Michael Lunn \$600.00 per cut; Golden \$600.00 per cut; Affordable Lawn Care \$215 - \$225 per cut; motion to accept the bid by Councilman Joseph for Affordable Lawn Care for \$215 with a condition if fuel goes over \$4.50 per gallon that per cut will increase to \$225 per cut; seconded by Councilman Chaffinch; motion carried.
- DEMA/FEMA grant for the generator; one bid was received from D&L Electric for \$9994.00; motion made by Councilman Joseph to accept bid; seconded by Councilman Chaffinch; motion carried.
- Resolution R01.04.09.2012 Approving issuance of up to \$375,000 principal amount general obligation bond, series 2012-SRF to the Delaware Department of Health & Social Services Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, as registered owner, to finance installation of a third back-up well and ancillaries along with a new raw waterline for the Town of Blades; setting forth the form and details for the bond; determining that the bond will be sold by private sale and authorizing execution of a financing agreement; pledging the full faith, credit and taxing power of the town for the bond; and authorizing other necessary action. Motion to accept the Resolution by Councilman Chaffinch; seconded by Councilman Atkinson; motion passed.

Good of the Community:

Councilman Ruff reminded everyone that there is no open burning allowed. You are permitted to have the small bbq/fire pits but no open burning of trash.

Remarks regarding BJ Hardin retiring from the Council and gifts, cake, and refreshments closed the April meeting.

Mayor closed the meeting at 8:07pm.



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Respectfully Submitted,

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